

INITIATIVE 211

I, Ralph Munro, Secretary of State of the State of Washington and custodian of its seal, hereby certify that, according to the records on file in my office, the attached copy of Initiative Measure No. 211 to the Legislature is a true and correct copy as it was received by this office.

1 AN ACT Relating to individual self-defense and the recognition of
2 concealed pistol licenses issued by jurisdictions outside Washington;
3 amending RCW 9.41.050, 9.41.070, 9.41.090, and 9.41.124; creating new
4 sections; and declaring an emergency.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** FINDINGS. The sovereign people of the state
7 of Washington find that:

8 (1) Violent crime impacts all segments of our society and all areas
9 of our state;

10 (2) Repeated annual surveys by the National Institute of Justice
11 show that those who defend themselves with firearms are less likely to
12 be injured or killed as the result of a criminal attack than those who
13 do nothing or who resist by other means;

14 (3) Numerous studies by federal agencies, universities, and private
15 organizations have concluded that firearms are used to protect
16 citizens' lives and property across the United States as many as two
17 million four hundred thousand (2,400,000) times annually--more than six
18 thousand five hundred (6,500) people a day. Of the two million four
19 hundred thousand (2,400,000) self-defense cases, more than one hundred

1 ninety-two thousand (192,000) are by women defending themselves against
2 sexual abuse. In the overwhelming majority of these incidents, no
3 shots are fired and criminal actions are halted merely by the
4 demonstrated resolve of the armed citizen in deterring criminal attack;

5 (4) In the most exhaustive study of its kind to date, University of
6 Chicago Law School Professor John Lott has determined that states that
7 mandate the issue of concealed pistol licenses to citizens based on
8 clear and objective criteria achieve an overall reduction in violent
9 crime as a result;

10 (5) An extensive survey of felons revealed that fifty-seven percent
11 (57%) agreed that most criminals feared encountering an armed victim
12 more than encountering the police. Eighty-one percent (81%) agreed
13 that a smart criminal always tries to find out if his or her potential
14 victim is armed;

15 (6) Police cannot always protect, and are not legally liable for
16 failing to protect, individual citizens, as evidenced by the following:

17 (a) The courts have consistently ruled that the police do not have
18 an obligation to protect individuals, only the public in general. For
19 example, in *Warren v. District of Columbia Metropolitan Police*
20 *Department*, 444 A.2d 1 (D.C. App. 1981), the court stated: "[C]ourts
21 have without exception concluded that when a municipality or other
22 governmental entity undertakes to furnish police services, it assumes
23 a duty only to the public at large and not to individual members of the
24 community;"

25 (b) The United States Department of Justice found that, in 1989,
26 there were one hundred sixty-eight thousand eight hundred eighty-one
27 (168,881) crimes of violence for which police had not responded within
28 one hour;

29 (c) The *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* reported that, in 1996, the
30 Seattle Police Department's average response time to a verified
31 emergency was nine and two-tenths (9.2) minutes«9.2 minutes in which
32 the citizen had to rely on the means at hand for protection.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** INTENT. The sovereign people of the state
34 of Washington declare that:

35 (1) Self-defense is a natural right that is reaffirmed in Amendment
36 II to the Constitution of the United States, Article I, section 24 of
37 the Constitution of the state of Washington, and RCW 9.41.070(1);

1 (2) The right of self-defense should not arbitrarily stop at a
2 state border;

3 (3) The lives and well-being of visitors to the state of Washington
4 should be subject to the same protections provided the citizens of this
5 state;

6 (4) At this time more than twenty-four (24) other states offer
7 some form of recognition to concealed pistol licenses issued by other
8 states;

9 (5) Enactment of this act would extend Washington licensees' right
10 to self-defense in several other states and would further encourage
11 additional states to pass similar legislation;

12 (6) Article IV, section 1 of the Constitution of the United States
13 reads, "Full faith and credit shall be given in each State to the
14 public acts, records, and judicial proceedings of every other State."
15 It is the intent of the people that concealed pistol licenses issued by
16 other states, territories, and political subdivisions within the United
17 States be recognized as valid in the state of Washington.

18 **Sec. 3.** RCW 9.41.050 and 1997 c 200 s 1 are each amended to read
19 as follows:

20 RECIPROCITY. (1)(a) Except in the person's place of abode or fixed
21 place of business, a person shall not carry a pistol concealed on his
22 or her person without a ~~((license to carry a))~~ concealed pistol
23 license:

24 (i) Issued under the provisions of RCW 9.41.070; or

25 (ii) Issued in accordance with the provisions of the law of a state
26 or territory of the United States, or any other political subdivision
27 within the United States but also outside the state of Washington,
28 provided:

29 (A) The bearer of the out-of-state concealed pistol license is age
30 twenty-one years or over; and

31 (B) The out-of-state concealed pistol license shall only have been
32 issued following a criminal history and mental health records check and
33 the bearer is found to be fully qualified under federal law and that
34 state's, territory's, or political subdivision's law to own, possess,
35 or control a firearm; and

36 (C) The bearer of the out-of-state concealed pistol license is not
37 a resident of the state of Washington; and

1 (D) The bearer of the out-of-state concealed pistol license has the
2 license in his or her immediate possession while carrying a concealed
3 pistol.

4 In the absence of the immediate possession of an out-of-state
5 concealed pistol license, it shall be an affirmative defense to the
6 charge of carrying a concealed pistol without a license under this
7 subsection (1)(a) if the person can produce evidence of an out-of-state
8 concealed pistol license issued in his or her name.

9 It is not necessary for the state to negate the existence of an
10 out-of-state concealed pistol license in any complaint, information,
11 indictment, or other pleading or in any trial, hearing, or other
12 proceeding under this subsection (1)(a). The burden of proof of the
13 existence of such concealed pistol license is upon the person claiming
14 it.

15 (b) Every licensee shall have his or her concealed pistol license,
16 as issued under the provisions of RCW 9.41.070 or an out-of-state
17 concealed pistol license in compliance with (a)(ii) of this subsection,
18 in his or her immediate possession at all times that he or she is
19 required by this section to have a concealed pistol license and shall
20 display the same upon demand to any police officer or to any other
21 person when and if required by law to do so. Any violation of this
22 subsection (1)(b) shall be a class 1 civil infraction under chapter
23 7.80 RCW and shall be punished accordingly pursuant to chapter 7.80 RCW
24 and the infraction rules for courts of limited jurisdiction.

25 (2) A person shall not carry or place a loaded pistol in any
26 vehicle unless the person has a license to carry a concealed pistol
27 and: (a) The pistol is on the licensee's person, (b) the licensee is
28 within the vehicle at all times that the pistol is there, or (c) the
29 licensee is away from the vehicle and the pistol is locked within the
30 vehicle and concealed from view from outside the vehicle.

31 (3) A person at least eighteen years of age who is in possession of
32 an unloaded pistol shall not leave the unloaded pistol in a vehicle
33 unless the unloaded pistol is locked within the vehicle and concealed
34 from view from outside the vehicle.

35 (4) Violation of any of the prohibitions of subsections (2) and (3)
36 of this section is a misdemeanor.

37 (5) Nothing in this section permits the possession of firearms
38 illegal to possess under state or federal law.

1 (6) "Concealed pistol license" as used in this section means a
2 license issued under the provisions of RCW 9.41.070 or an out-of-state
3 license, permit, or other document authorizing an individual to carry
4 a concealed firearm issued in accordance with the provisions of the law
5 of a state or territory of the United States, or any other political
6 subdivision within the United States but also outside the state of
7 Washington.

8 **Sec. 4.** RCW 9.41.070 and 1996 c 295 s 6 are each amended to read
9 as follows:

10 CONCEALED PISTOL LICENSES. (1) The chief of police of a
11 municipality or the sheriff of a county shall, within thirty days after
12 the filing of an application of any person, issue a license or renewal
13 to such person to carry a pistol concealed on his or her person within
14 this state for five years from date of issue, for the purposes of
15 protection or while engaged in business, sport, or while traveling.
16 However, if the applicant does not have a valid permanent Washington
17 driver's license or Washington state identification card or has not
18 been a resident of the state for the previous consecutive ninety days,
19 the issuing authority shall have up to sixty days after the filing of
20 the application to issue a license or renewal. The issuing authority
21 shall not, during regular business hours, refuse to accept completed
22 applications for concealed pistol licenses (~~((during regular business~~
23 ~~hours))~~ or renewals or deliver completed licenses or renewals to
24 applicants. Upon request of the applicant, the issuing agency shall
25 mail the completed concealed pistol license or renewal to the applicant
26 at no additional cost.

27 The applicant's constitutional right to bear arms shall not be
28 denied, unless:

29 (a) He or she is ineligible to possess a firearm under the
30 provisions of RCW 9.41.040 or 9.41.045;

31 (b) The applicant's concealed pistol license is in a revoked
32 status;

33 (c) He or she is under twenty-one years of age;

34 (d) He or she is subject to a court order or injunction regarding
35 firearms pursuant to RCW 9A.46.080, 10.14.080, 10.99.040, 10.99.045,
36 26.09.050, 26.09.060, 26.10.040, 26.10.115, 26.26.130, 26.26.137,
37 26.50.060, or 26.50.070;

1 (e) He or she is free on bond or personal recognizance pending
2 trial, appeal, or sentencing for a felony offense;

3 (f) He or she has an outstanding warrant for his or her arrest from
4 any court of competent jurisdiction for a felony or misdemeanor; or

5 (g) He or she has been ordered to forfeit a firearm under RCW
6 9.41.098(1)(e) within one year before filing an application to carry a
7 pistol concealed on his or her person.

8 No person convicted of a felony may have his or her right to
9 possess firearms restored or his or her privilege to carry a concealed
10 pistol restored, unless the person has been granted relief from
11 disabilities by the secretary of the treasury under 18 U.S.C. Sec.
12 925(c), or RCW 9.41.040 (3) or (4) applies.

13 (2) The issuing authority shall check with the national crime
14 information center, the national instant criminal background check
15 system (NICS) (once the system is established), the Washington state
16 patrol electronic data base, the department of social and health
17 services electronic data base, and with other agencies or resources as
18 appropriate, to determine whether the applicant is ineligible under RCW
19 9.41.040 or 9.41.045 to possess a firearm and therefore ineligible for
20 a concealed pistol license. This subsection applies whether the
21 applicant is applying for a new concealed pistol license or to renew a
22 concealed pistol license.

23 (3) Any person whose firearms rights have been restricted and who
24 has been granted relief from disabilities by the secretary of the
25 treasury under 18 U.S.C. Sec. 925(c) or who is exempt under 18 U.S.C.
26 Sec. 921(a)(20)(A) shall have his or her right to acquire, receive,
27 transfer, ship, transport, carry, and possess firearms in accordance
28 with Washington state law restored except as otherwise prohibited by
29 this chapter.

30 (4) The license application shall bear the full name, residential
31 address, telephone number at the option of the applicant, date and
32 place of birth, race, gender, description, not more than two complete
33 sets of fingerprints, and signature of the licensee, and the licensee's
34 driver's license number or state identification card number if used for
35 identification in applying for the license. A signed application for
36 a concealed pistol license shall constitute a waiver of confidentiality
37 and written request that the department of social and health services,
38 mental health institutions, and other mental health care facilities
39 release information relevant to the applicant's eligibility for a

1 concealed pistol license to an inquiring court or law enforcement
2 agency.

3 The application for an original license shall include two complete
4 sets of fingerprints to be forwarded to the Washington state patrol.

5 The license and application shall contain a warning substantially
6 as follows:

7 CAUTION: Although state and local laws do not differ, federal
8 law and state law on the possession of firearms differ. If you
9 are prohibited by federal law from possessing a firearm, you
10 may be prosecuted in federal court. A state license is not a
11 defense to a federal prosecution.

12 The license shall contain a description of the major differences
13 between state and federal law and an explanation of the fact that local
14 laws and ordinances on firearms are preempted by state law and must be
15 consistent with state law. The application shall contain questions
16 about the applicant's eligibility under RCW 9.41.040 to possess a
17 pistol, the applicant's place of birth, and whether the applicant is a
18 United States citizen. The applicant shall not be required to produce
19 a birth certificate or other evidence of citizenship. A person who is
20 not a citizen of the United States shall meet the additional
21 requirements of RCW 9.41.170 and produce proof of compliance with RCW
22 9.41.170 upon application. The license shall be in triplicate and in
23 a form to be prescribed by the department of licensing.

24 The original thereof shall be delivered to the licensee, the
25 duplicate shall within seven days be sent to the director of licensing
26 and the triplicate shall be preserved for six years, by the authority
27 issuing the license. In the event the applicant does not reside within
28 the jurisdiction of the issuing agency, a photocopy of the license
29 shall, within seven days, be sent to the law enforcement agency with
30 jurisdiction over the residence of the applicant.

31 The department of licensing shall make available to law enforcement
32 and corrections agencies, in an on-line format, all information
33 received under this subsection.

34 (5) The nonrefundable fee, paid upon application, for the original
35 five-year license shall be thirty-six dollars plus additional charges
36 imposed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation that are passed on to
37 the applicant. No other state or local branch or unit of government

1 may impose any additional charges on the applicant for the issuance of
2 the license.

3 The fee shall be distributed as follows:

4 (a) Fifteen dollars shall be paid to the state general fund;

5 (b) Four dollars shall be paid to the agency taking the
6 fingerprints of the person licensed;

7 (c) Fourteen dollars shall be paid to the issuing authority for the
8 purpose of enforcing this chapter; and

9 (d) Three dollars to the firearms range account in the general
10 fund.

11 (6) The nonrefundable fee for the renewal of such license shall be
12 thirty-two dollars. No other branch or unit of government may impose
13 any additional charges on the applicant for the renewal of the license.

14 The renewal fee shall be distributed as follows:

15 (a) Fifteen dollars shall be paid to the state general fund;

16 (b) Fourteen dollars shall be paid to the issuing authority for the
17 purpose of enforcing this chapter; and

18 (c) Three dollars to the firearms range account in the general
19 fund.

20 (7) The nonrefundable fee for replacement of lost or damaged
21 licenses is ten dollars to be paid to the issuing authority.

22 (8) Payment shall be by cash, check, or money order at the option
23 of the applicant. Additional methods of payment may be allowed at the
24 option of the issuing authority.

25 (9) A licensee may renew a license if the licensee applies for
26 renewal within ninety days before or after the expiration date of the
27 license. A license so renewed shall take effect on the expiration date
28 of the prior license. A licensee renewing after the expiration date of
29 the license must pay a late renewal penalty of ten dollars in addition
30 to the renewal fee specified in subsection (6) of this section. The
31 fee shall be distributed as follows:

32 (a) Three dollars shall be deposited in the state wildlife fund and
33 used exclusively for the printing and distribution of a pamphlet on the
34 legal limits of the use of firearms, firearms safety, and the
35 preemptive nature of state law. The pamphlet shall be given to each
36 applicant for a license; and

37 (b) Seven dollars shall be paid to the issuing authority for the
38 purpose of enforcing this chapter.

(10) Notwithstanding the requirements of subsections (1) through (9) of this section, the chief of police of ~~((the))~~ a municipality or the sheriff of ~~((the))~~ a county ~~((of the applicant's residence))~~ may issue a temporary emergency license for good cause pending review under subsection (1) of this section. However, a temporary emergency license issued under this subsection shall not exempt the holder of the license from any records check requirement. Temporary emergency licenses shall be easily distinguishable from regular licenses.

(11) A political subdivision of the state shall not modify the requirements of this section or chapter, nor may a political subdivision ask the applicant to voluntarily submit any information not required by this section.

(12) A person who knowingly makes a false statement regarding citizenship or identity on an application for a concealed pistol license is guilty of false swearing under RCW 9A.72.040. In addition to any other penalty provided for by law, the concealed pistol license of a person who knowingly makes a false statement shall be revoked, and the person shall be permanently ineligible for a concealed pistol license.

(13) A person may apply for a concealed pistol license(~~(÷~~
~~(a) To the municipality or to the county in which the applicant resides if the applicant resides in a municipality;~~
~~(b) To the county in which the applicant resides if the applicant resides in an unincorporated area; or~~
~~(c))~~ to any municipality or county anywhere in the state ((if the applicant is a nonresident)), provided: If a Washington resident applies to a county or city outside of the jurisdiction of his or her residence, the issuing agency shall check records with the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the residence of the applicant for potential disqualifying information.

Sec. 5. RCW 9.41.090 and 1996 c 295 s 8 are each amended to read as follows:

DELIVERY OF PISTOLS. (1) In addition to the other requirements of this chapter, no dealer may deliver a pistol to the purchaser thereof until:

(a) The purchaser produces a valid Washington state concealed pistol license and evidence that the purchaser is a Washington state resident or is eligible under federal law 18 U.S.C. Sec. 922(b), as

1 amended, and the dealer has recorded the purchaser's name, license
2 number, and issuing agency, such record to be made in triplicate and
3 processed as provided in subsection (5) of this section. For purposes
4 of this subsection (1)(a), a "valid Washington state concealed pistol
5 license" does not include a temporary emergency license, and does not
6 include any license issued before July 1, 1996, unless the issuing
7 agency conducted a records search for disqualifying crimes under RCW
8 9.41.070 at the time of issuance;

9 (b) The dealer is notified in writing by the chief of police or the
10 sheriff of the jurisdiction in which the purchaser resides that the
11 purchaser is eligible to possess a pistol under RCW 9.41.040 and that
12 the application to purchase is approved by the chief of police or
13 sheriff; or

14 (c) Five business days, meaning days on which state offices are
15 open, have elapsed from the time of receipt of the application for the
16 purchase thereof as provided herein by the chief of police or sheriff
17 designated in subsection (5) of this section, and, when delivered, the
18 pistol shall be securely wrapped and shall be unloaded. However, if
19 the purchaser does not have a valid permanent Washington driver's
20 license or state identification card or has not been a resident of the
21 state for the previous consecutive ninety days, the waiting period
22 under this subsection (1)(c) shall be up to sixty days.

23 (2)(a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, in determining
24 whether the purchaser meets the requirements of RCW 9.41.040, the chief
25 of police or sheriff, or the designee of either, shall check with the
26 national crime information center, the Washington state patrol
27 electronic data base, the department of social and health services
28 electronic data base, and with other agencies or resources as
29 appropriate, to determine whether the applicant is ineligible under RCW
30 9.41.040 to possess a firearm.

31 (b) Once the system is established, a dealer shall use the state
32 system and national instant criminal background check system, provided
33 for by the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act (18 U.S.C. Sec. 921 et
34 seq.), to make criminal background checks of applicants to purchase
35 firearms. However, a chief of police or sheriff, or a designee of
36 either, shall continue to check the department of social and health
37 services' electronic data base and with other agencies or resources as
38 appropriate, to determine whether applicants are ineligible under RCW
39 9.41.040 to possess a firearm.

1 (3) In any case under subsection (1)(c) of this section where the
2 applicant has an outstanding warrant for his or her arrest from any
3 court of competent jurisdiction for a felony or misdemeanor, the dealer
4 shall hold the delivery of the pistol until the warrant for arrest is
5 served and satisfied by appropriate court appearance. The local
6 jurisdiction for purposes of the sale shall confirm the existence of
7 outstanding warrants within seventy-two hours after notification of the
8 application to purchase a pistol is received. The local jurisdiction
9 shall also immediately confirm the satisfaction of the warrant on
10 request of the dealer so that the hold may be released if the warrant
11 was for an offense other than an offense making a person ineligible
12 under RCW 9.41.040 to possess a pistol.

13 (4) In any case where the chief or sheriff of the local
14 jurisdiction has reasonable grounds based on the following
15 circumstances: (a) Open criminal charges, (b) pending criminal
16 proceedings, (c) pending commitment proceedings, (d) an outstanding
17 warrant for an offense making a person ineligible under RCW 9.41.040 to
18 possess a pistol, or (e) an arrest for an offense making a person
19 ineligible under RCW 9.41.040 to possess a pistol, if the records of
20 disposition have not yet been reported or entered sufficiently to
21 determine eligibility to purchase a pistol, the local jurisdiction may
22 hold the sale and delivery of the pistol beyond five days up to thirty
23 days in order to confirm existing records in this state or elsewhere.
24 After thirty days, the hold will be lifted unless an extension of the
25 thirty days is approved by a local district court or municipal court
26 for good cause shown. A dealer shall be notified of each hold placed
27 on the sale by local law enforcement and of any application to the
28 court for additional hold period to confirm records or confirm the
29 identity of the applicant.

30 (5) At the time of applying for the purchase of a pistol, the
31 purchaser shall sign in triplicate and deliver to the dealer an
32 application containing his or her full name, residential address, date
33 and place of birth, race, and gender; the date and hour of the
34 application; the applicant's driver's license number or state
35 identification card number; a description of the pistol including the
36 make, model, caliber and manufacturer's number if available at the time
37 of applying for the purchase of a pistol. If the manufacturer's number
38 is not available, the application may be processed, but delivery of the
39 pistol to the purchaser may not occur unless the manufacturer's number

1 is recorded on the application by the dealer and transmitted to the
2 chief of police of the municipality or the sheriff of the county in
3 which the purchaser resides; and a statement that the purchaser is
4 eligible to possess a pistol under RCW 9.41.040.

5 The application shall contain a warning substantially as follows:

6 CAUTION: Although state and local laws do not differ, federal
7 law and state law on the possession of firearms differ. If you
8 are prohibited by federal law from possessing a firearm, you
9 may be prosecuted in federal court. State permission to
10 purchase a firearm is not a defense to a federal prosecution.

11 The purchaser shall be given a copy of the department of fish and
12 wildlife pamphlet on the legal limits of the use of firearms, firearms
13 safety, and the fact that local laws and ordinances on firearms are
14 preempted by state law and must be consistent with state law.

15 The dealer shall, by the end of the business day, sign and attach
16 his or her address and deliver a copy of the application and such other
17 documentation as required under subsection (1) of this section to the
18 chief of police of the municipality or the sheriff of the county of
19 which the purchaser is a resident. The triplicate shall be retained by
20 the dealer for six years. The dealer shall deliver the pistol to the
21 purchaser following the period of time specified in this section unless
22 the dealer is notified of an investigative hold under subsection (4) of
23 this section in writing by the chief of police of the municipality or
24 the sheriff of the county, whichever is applicable, denying the
25 purchaser's application to purchase and the grounds thereof. The
26 application shall not be denied unless the purchaser is not eligible to
27 possess a pistol under RCW 9.41.040 or 9.41.045, or federal law.

28 The chief of police of the municipality or the sheriff of the
29 county shall retain or destroy applications to purchase a pistol in
30 accordance with the requirements of 18 U.S.C. Sec. 922.

31 (6) A person who knowingly makes a false statement regarding
32 identity or eligibility requirements on the application to purchase a
33 pistol is guilty of false swearing under RCW 9A.72.040.

34 (7) This section does not apply to sales to licensed dealers for
35 resale or to the sale of antique firearms.

36 **Sec. 6.** RCW 9.41.124 and 1970 ex.s. c 74 s 2 are each amended to
37 read as follows:

SALES OF PISTOLS TO NONRESIDENTS PROHIBITED. (1) Residents of a state other than Washington may purchase rifles and shotguns in Washington if: ((PROVIDED, That)) (a) Such residents conform to the applicable provisions of the federal ((Gun Control)) Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, Title IV, Pub. L. 90-351, as amended, as administered by the United States secretary of the treasury((:—AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That)); and (b) such residents are eligible to purchase or possess such weapons in Washington and in the state in which such persons reside.

(2) Residents of a state other than Washington are prohibited from purchasing pistols in this state unless: (a) Such sales are authorized under federal law 18 U.S.C. Sec. 922(b), as amended; and (b) such residents are eligible to purchase or possess such weapons in Washington and in the state in which such persons reside.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. LAW ENFORCEMENT POWERS RETAINED. Nothing in this act shall preclude law enforcement officers from exercising their legitimate performance of duties in verifying the validity of a concealed pistol license displayed by a citizen incident to a traffic stop or other legitimate police/citizen contact.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. SHORT TITLE. This act may be known and cited as the Citizens' Self-Defense Act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. EMERGENCY DECLARATION. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect immediately.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 11. CAPTIONS. Captions as used in this act do not constitute any part of the law.

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